

**VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of May 9, 2006**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Thomas McCarney, Trustee Samantha Baraw, Libby Hambleton, Richard Sutor, and James Wilson. Also present were Village Manager Nanci Allard, Police Chief Jeffrey Shaw, Suzanne Jolly (Drug-Free Communities), and Bob Murphy (Efficiency Vermont).

Chair McCarney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Scheduled):**

- a. **Everett Greenslit Remembrance.** Chair McCarney presented remarks remembering Everett Greenslit, who passed away last week, for his long interest in community activities and his attentiveness to details regarding the operation of the Village, the Town, and the utilities.
- b. **Suzanne Jolly (Northfield & Roxbury Drug-Free Communities): Permission to use Village Common.** Ms. Jolly submitted a request (included in packets) for usage of the Common on Friday, June 23, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. To 8:00 p.m. Festivities would take place on the grass and would not interfere with traffic. Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to grant the request. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- c. **Bob Murphy: Efficiency Vermont.** Mr. Murphy stated that Northfield is one of six (6) communities being considered for a pilot program that would educate the public and business owners about Efficiency Vermont and energy conservation. The goal would be a 3 to 5% reduction in total electric usage over a one year period. The businesses will have to fund their own implementation but Efficiency Vermont will assist in finding financing. The plans and consultations will be free. Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Hambleton, to confirm the Northfield Electric Department's interest in participating in this program and, if selected, appoint the Village Manager as the contact person. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

III. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. **April 25, 2006 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- b. **Approval of Bills**
 - 1. **Warrant #22-06.** Motion by Trustee Hambleton, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to approve Warrant #22-06 in the amount of \$315,549.16. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
 - 2. **Warrant #22-06A.** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Hambleton, to approve Warrant #22-06A in the amount of \$18,152.13. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- c. **Sewer Charges for Private Pools:** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to follow Superintendent of Public Works William Lyon's recommendation. Trustee Sutor would like to see this first brought to the Inter-Local Agreement Committee. Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Baraw, to table this item until it goes to the Inter-Local Agreement Committee; the current plan will stay in effect until then. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

- d. **Parking Issues.** Chief Shaw gave an extensive presentation on parking problems that present operational and safety problems on narrow community streets. The particular streets discussed are outside the Village, but the Chief expects that action taken to solve those problems will move the problems onto nearby streets, including some in the Village. There was a community meeting held last week by some residents of Northfield Center, who came up with some possible solutions. Chair McCarney would like to see a public hearing in the next few months with Village residents encouraged to express their thoughts and concerns on the parking situation.

IV. REPORTS

a. Village Manager

1. **Replacement Note.** Manager Allard stated that the original of the Capital Equipment Note that the Trustees approved and signed at their last meeting (04/25/06) was lost in transit. Chittenden Bank has submitted another, identical, note for signature. Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to sign the duplicate Capital Equipment Note. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
2. **Northfield Municipal Website.** The website is up at www.northfield-vt.gov. All agendas and regular meeting minutes will be posted.
3. **Public Hearing: Proposed Work Camp Facility.** The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Brown Public Library. The public is encouraged to attend to ask questions and receive information directly from representatives from the Vermont Department of Corrections and the Vermont Department of Buildings & General Services.

b. Committee Reports

1. **Merger Committee.** The Committee first met on May 1, 2006. Currently, it includes four members: Selectmen Melvin Adams and Michael Demasi and Trustees Sutor and Wilson. Selectman Adams will be the interim Chair until a full committee is compiled. The next meeting is on Monday, May 15, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The Committee is working on having a completed process within eighteen (18) months.

c. Miscellaneous

1. **Electric Rate Increases.** At the last regular meeting, Everett Greenslit requested information on any municipalities that had recent electric rate increases of over 10%. Trustee Sutor distributed a handout with this information.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Unscheduled): None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Hambleton, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled meeting.